Statement-II

Distric-wise No. of Electronic Exchanges in Rural Areas

S. No.	Name of District (SSA)	No. of Electronic exchanges in rural area
1.	Ahmedabad (Incl. Gandhinagar)	30
2.	Baroda	34
3.	Rajkot	46
4.	Surat	26
5.	Bhavnagar	38
6.	Bhuj	23
7.	Bulsar (Including Dangs)	23
8.	Jamnagar	20
9.	Junagadh	26
10.	Amreli	22
11	Mehsana	58
12.	Nadiad	62
13.	Himatnagar (Sabarkantha)	58
14.	Palanpur (Sabarkantha)	52
15.	Surendranagar	23
16.	Bharuch	33
17.	Godhra	25

Contract Awarded to a French Firm for Supply of OCB Based Exchange

3402. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a contract has been awarded to ALCATEL of France for supply of 40,000 lines of OCB based exchange through its prototype exchange is yet to pass the validation test, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no less than six companies were active bidders to DOTs 1991 tender enquiry for supply of 200,000 lines of exchanges, but Government favoured Alcatel, if so, what are the reasons therefor; >and

(c) whether it is a fact that DOT issued Letters of Intent to three bidders in mid-1992 for a total supply of 3 lakh lines of exchanges at a rock bottom price of Rs. 5034 a line, though none of them had passed validation tests at this time and violating tendering stipulation, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) to (c) No, Sir.

Applications pending for Telephone Connections in the Country

3403. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of applications pending for telephone connections in the country at present and also during the last three year, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have drawn a package to clear the backlog; and

(c) if so, by when the backlog is likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Number of applications pending for telephone connections in the country is as given below •—

Year	Waiting List
1992-93	2969850 (upto Jan '93)
1991-92	2289769
1990-91	1960567
1989-90	1713456

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The back log of Telephone connections are proposed to be cleared progressively during 8 th plan period (92—97) which envisages provision of Telephone connections practically on demand in Rural & Tribal areas and waiting period for general category not to exceed 2 years for large Telephone Systems.

Telephones in Panchayats in Arunachal Pradesh

3404. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of telephones installed in village panchayats, districts-wise, in Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) how many telephones are functioning regularly ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) 97 Panchayats villages have been covered with Telephone Facility upto 28th February, 1993. District-wise details are given in the statement (see below).

(b) All the telephones are functioning regularly. Faults, whenever reported are attended.

STATEMENT

District-wise Telephones installed in Panchayat Villages of Arunachal Pradesh (As on 28-02-1993)

Sl. No.	Name of District	Nos. of Panchayat Telephones installed
1	2	3
1.	Papumpare	3
2.	Lower Subansiri	10
3.	Upper Subansiri	5
4.	West Siang	11
5.	East Siang	13
6.	West Kameng	10
7.	East Kameng	NIL
8.	Dibang Vallay	16
9.	Lohit	10
10.	Tirap	4
11.	Changlang	4
12.	Tawang	11
	Total	97

उत्तर प्रदेश में डाक सलाहकार समिति

3405. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह** :

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश में डाक सलाहकार समिति गठित कर दी गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो समिति के सदस्यों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं और प्रत्येक सदस्य किस क्षेत्र से सम्बन्धित है; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि इस समिति के कुछ सदस्य पुरानी समिति में भी सदस्य थे ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य राज्य मंत्री श्री सुखराम) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) समिति के सदस्यों के नाम उनके सम्बन्धित कार्यक्षेत्र के साथ संलग्न विवरण में दिए गए हैं (नीचे देखिए) ।

(ग) जी नहीं ।

समिति सदस्यों के नाम उनके संबंधित कार्य क्षेत्र के साथ निम्नानुसार हैं ।

संसद सदस्य (4)

1. श्री शांति त्यागी,
   संसद सदस्य ।
2. श्री बेकल उत्साही,
   संसद सदस्य ।
3. श्री असद मदानी,
   संसद सदस्य ।